

Simpson United Methodist Church

Simpson News

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This fall has been an incredibly busy one. From the Arts and Crafts Showcase in October to the GOCHISO Food Festival in November, it has been an excellent time to see the community come out to help. On November 5th, we observed All Saints Sunday when we remembered all the people who had died over the past year. On November 12th, I held a town hall meeting to ask the Simpson community three questions:

- What's something different that you have appreciated in the last four months?
- What's something you have appreciated in the past that you miss now?
- What's something you're looking forward to in the next four months?

I would like to hear from you whether you were in attendance or not. If you prefer to write your answers by hand, you will find the questionnaire later in the newsletter. If you are comfortable filling out an online form, you can access the questions at <https://forms.gle/bdMPjnEVEWzmrZhm6>. No matter how you respond, I would be grateful to hear from you.

Thank you, Rev. Brian



If you want to speak with Rev. Brian, call him at 720-381-4129 or email him at revbrian@simpsonumc.com. While you can always find him at the Simpson building on Sunday mornings, please get in touch with him if you want to meet him in person during the week.

Simpson News and Events

GOCHISO Japanese Food Festival

A big thank you to all who helped with our fall fundraiser. Work included making/baking yaki manju in October, a prep day on Friday, November 3 and we completed the fundraiser on Saturday, November 4! And we want to especially thank our cleanup crew who did a great job leaving the kitchen spotless!!

We want to thank our JA community and our church friends and hope that everyone enjoyed the food as much as we had in preparing it for you. These events, such as GOCHISO, are always a good time of fellowship and visiting with those we have not seen in a while.

-Gochiso Committee



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GOCHISO Japanese Food Festival



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Many Hands Make Light Work!

Many thanks to the following people who helped at the lunch for the Simpson Arts and Crafts fair by ordering ingredients, shopping for ingredients, prepping lots of ingredients, delivering ingredients, running to Pacific Mercantile (twice!), assembling bowls, of udon, taking orders, taking money, offering to help, pouring tea, washing bowls, taking tea and snacks to the vendors, expertly slicing all sorts of things (when I asked for 30 slices of kamaboko per board, I got 30 slices, all even!), sweeping and mopping the floors (it was noticed a couple of days later how clean they were!).

Karla Cornish

Karen Padrick

Carol FitzSimmons

Jane Fujioka

Emma, Kress and Sarah Shigio

Christian Vela

Noelle Maynell

Chen Wu

Charlotte Namba

Cindy Kondo

Jolie Noguchi



JARCC and Simpson Presents!

On October 28th, the Japanese American Resource Center of Colorado (JARCC) and Simpson hosted a showing of Shang-Chi and The Legend of the 10 Rings. Despite the cold, 13 people came to watch the movie and enjoy Halloween treats for kids.

A special thank you to Dean Tsutsui for this fun idea and for organizing a small group to invite the neighborhood on October 21st. Thank you to Cindy Kondo for working with Dean to set up the Nichigo Sanctuary. Thank you to Pati Sauter, Christine Howland, Peter Hacke, Paul Langley, and Owen FitzSimmons for their help in inviting the neighborhood to the showing.



If you have ideas for future movies to be shown, please get in touch with Rev. Brian.

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Simpson's Annual Mochi Sale

Simpson will be selling mochi this year! The order form can be found in the newsletter. Please invite your friends, relatives, and everyone to get their mochi from Simpson. Orders are due by **Saturday, December 9th**. If you are available, we will make mochi on **December 16th starting at 7 AM**.

MOCHI FUNDRAISER

Simpson United Methodist Church

Saturday, December 16th

Pick Up Time: After 2:00PM



Knit and Crochet Group



The Simpson Knit and Crochet Group meets on the third Sunday of the month after Sunday worship in the Memorial Lounge. Many of the group donations provide warmth and love for cancer patients, the elderly and young children.

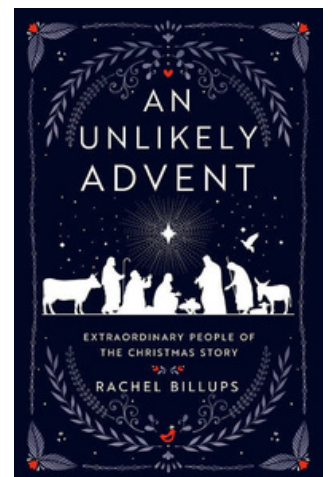


In addition, Simpson folks are welcome to join the Westminster UMC Prayer Shawl group on the second Tuesday of month at 10 AM in the Memorial Lounge.

Advent Book Study with JAUMC

Join the 4-week virtual Advent book study led by Rev. John Miyahara and Rev. Brian. This study will also include members from Japanese American United Methodist Caucus congregations. The book is An Unlikely Advent by Rachel Billups. The study will start on November 28th at 7 PM (MST). Rev. Brian has copies of the book, or you may purchase it from your preferred vendor. The link to join the study <https://zoom.us/j/99247526530?pwd=NUQwNk1xdU9RcGVyNDNtcmt0NGhqUT09>.

If you are interested in joining us, please contact Rev. Brian.



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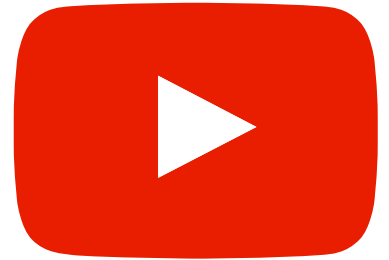
Zoom Worship and Youtube Channel

We will resume offering worship through Zoom starting August 6th. The Zoom link for worship is

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87520951862?pwd=VUZlQkNMd2ZvSTZYVVd0eElUVZkQT09>

Simpson also has a Youtube channel now! Please go to <https://www.youtube.com/@SimpsonUMC-ArvadaCO/> and subscribe to it.

If you experience technical difficulties, please contact Rev. Brian at revbrian@simpsonumc.com or 720-381-4129.



Join the Simpson-Westminster Sanctuary Singers



All are welcomed to join the Simpson-Westminstern Choir. The choir will rehearse in the Sanctuary at 9:15 AM on Sundays. If you interested in singing or know someone who might be, you may contact Judy Sapegin at orffgm@comcast.net.

Seeking Volunteers for Worship

Are you intersted in helping with worship? On the table in the Nichigo Sanctuary you will find sign ups for Liturgist/Lay Reader, Ushers, and Technology Assistants. We will do training and help anyone to help you join in.

If you would like to Rev. Brian at revbrian@simpsonumc.com.

Doumo Arigatou Gozaimasu

We are grateful for the many ways people support our church with generous gifts. Our tradition is to publicly thank those who give special gifts. Please note that as some prefer to donate anonymously, this is not a complete list of donors. Giving information as of November 5th, 2023.



In Memory of:

Tom Ida 17th Anniversary
Richard Ida, Harry and Mary Ida, and Tomo Ida
Richard Shigeru Ikeya
Tootsie Tsutsui
Teddy Shiohita
Gwen Ellen Norquist

Given by:

Mary Ida
Gail and Robert Ida
Linda Akiyama
Dean Tsutsui
Cindy Shiohita
Anonymous

Other Thanks

- A huge thank you to Pam Shinto, Cindy Kondo, and Cyndy Shiohita, who helped recruit and register the vendors for the 2023 Arts and Craft Showcase.
- A heartfelt thank you to Christine Howland for picking up the trash around the church.
- Thank you to the Japanese American Resource Center of Colorado for donating the proceeds of the movie showing!
- Thank you to Ken Namba for organizing a work day to clean up the exterior of the building and all the volunteers who helped.

**In celebration of the
marriage
of Sarah Furuiye and
Robert Nibbe
Masako Furuiye**

Simpson's Stories

In the October newsletter, I asked for you to share stories of a person who embodied the best of Simpson. Over the telephone, Karen Freml shared how Paula Matsumoto had welcomed her into the Simpson community and inviting her into different ministries. Because she was curious about Japanese cooking, Karen would come to help at the food fundraisers and recalls how people like Charlotte Namba, Julia Kamura, and others welcomed her and taught her so much.

If you have stories like Karen's about people who embodied the best of Simpson, please email me at revbrian@simpsonumc.com or call me at 720-381-4129.

Simpson Mochi Order Form

MOCHI FUNDRAISER

Simpson United Methodist Church

Saturday, December 16th

Pick Up Time: After 2:00PM



Order forms need to be at the Church by **Saturday, December 9th**
Mochi is \$7.50 per pound (No minimum). If you call or mail in your order,
please call Dennis @ (303)-550-4327, to confirm your order was received.

**PLEASE PAY WHEN PICKING UP
ORDER (CASH OR CHECK)**

Please make checks payable to
Simpson United Methodist Church

OR PAY ONLINE, 1. scan this bar code—
then **2.** email your order form to:



SimpsonUMC@Comcast.net

Subject line:

Simpson Mochi Sale

Volunteers needed to help make mochi December 16th, 7am @ Simpson

If you have any questions, please call Dennis @ (303)-550-4327.

ORDER FORM

CONTACT NAME: _____

POUNDS OF MOCHI: _____ TOTAL: \$ _____

Simpson Town Hall Questions

What's something different that you have appreciated in the last four months?

What's something you have appreciated in the past that you miss now?

What's something you're looking forward to in the next four months?

You may mail your answers to the church, email them to Rev. Brian, or fill out the online form at <https://forms.gle/bdMPjnEVEWzmrZhm6>

Poinsettias Order Form

CHRISTMAS POINSETTIA

2023 ORDER FORM

Poinsettias will be in 6-inch pots and will cost \$15.00 per plant. They will arrive in mid-December. You may take your plant home after the Christmas Eve worship service on Sunday, Dec. 24th; any day after Tuesday, Dec. 26th when the church is open or any Sunday after that. *If you wish to pick up your plant earlier, please call Jane Nakama at 720-233-3756.*

Deadline to receive orders is Tuesday, December 12, 2023.

PAYMENT MUST ACCOMPANY ORDER FORM.

THANKS! Profits from the sale will go towards tuning the piano twice a year, the purchase of music and for any other music ministries.

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Name _____

Telephone No. _____

I wish to purchase a total of _____ RED poinsettia plants

Total number of plants ordered _____ X \$15.00 = _____

Enclosed is a check for \$ _____ Check # _____

Please indicate if your plant(s) is given/purchased:

IN MEMORY OF: _____

IN HONOR OR CELEBRATION OF (please circle):

Please return this order form along with your check (payable to Simpson UMC) for payment in full to: Simpson United Methodist Church
6001 Wolff Street
Arvada, CO 80003
Attn: Music Committee, Jane Nakama

Upcoming Events and Opportunities at Simpson!

Worship Schedule

- November 26th at 10 AM
- December 5th at 10 AM
- December 12th at 10 AM
- December 19th at 10 AM
- December 24th at 10 AM (Christmas Eve Morning Service)
- December 24th at 4 PM (Christmas Eve Service)
- December 31st at 10 AM

You can come to worship in-person or virtually by using the following link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87520951862?pwd=VUZlQkNMd2ZvSTZYVVd0eElIUvZkQT09>

Other Events and Dates to Remember

- November 26th at 11:15 AM - Hanging of the Greens and Light Lunch
- November 28th at 7 PM - An Unlikely Advent Virtual Book Study Session #1
- December 2nd at - Simpson Church Conference
- December 5th - An Unlikely Advent Virtual Book Study Session #2
- December 9th - Mochi Order Forms Due
- December 16th starting at 7 AM - Mochi Making at Simpson
- December 16th starting at 2 PM - Mochi order pickup begins
- December 12th - Poinsettia Order Forms Due
- December 12th at 7 PM - An Unlikely Advent Virtual Book Study Session #3
- December 12th at 7 PM - An Unlikely Advent Virtual Book Study Session #4



You can always find out what's happening at Simpson by checking the calendar on the website. The link to the calendar is

<https://www.simpsonumc.com/calendar/>.

If you would like to have an event put on the calendar, please email events@simpsonumc.com with your information!

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